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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1. (Currently amended) A modular fishing rod holder comprising:
 - (a) an elongated hollow body extending between an open front end and an open rear end, the body incorporating a nose cone at its rear end;
 - (b) means at the front end to mate with and ~~releasably~~ detachably secure corresponding means on one end of a rod;
 - (c) a reel housing body; and
 - (d) means at one end of the reel housing body and the rear end of the hollow body to permit releasable attachment of the reel housing body and hollow body so as to hold within, in operational position, a spinning reel.
2. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 1 further comprising a handle secured to the other end of the reel housing body.
3. (Currently amended) The fishing rod holder according to claim 2, wherein the handle and the reel housing body are provided with mating engagement means for ~~releasably~~ detachably securing the handle means to the reel housing body.
4. (Currently amended) The fishing rod holder according to claim 1 in combination with a rod, an end of which rod is provided with means to mate with and ~~releasably~~ detachably secure to said means at the front end of the holder.
5. (Original) The fishing rod holder and rod in accordance with claim 4, wherein the rod is hollow along its length.
6. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 1, wherein the rear end of the hollow body is in the form of a nose cone having a concave inner surface so as to function as a clamp for a fishing line of a spinning reel during casting.

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7. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 2 in combination with a spinning reel held within the reel housing body in operative position.

8. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 6 in combination with a spinning reel held within the reel housing body in operative position.

9. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 7, wherein a fishing line is wrapped about the reel and extends through the front end of the hollow body.

10. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 5 in combination with a spinning reel held within the reel housing body in operative position.

11. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 10, wherein a fishing line is wrapped about the reel and extends through the front end of the hollow body and through the rod.

12. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 7, wherein a handle means is secured to the other end of the reel housing body.

13. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 12, wherein the handle is provided with means for releasable attachment to corresponding means on the other end of the reel housing body.

14. (Currently amended) The fishing rod holder according to claim 2, wherein the rod holder is comprised of two sections pivotally secured to each other at a pivot and locked by locking means in operative elongated position but ~~releasable~~ rotatable about the pivot so that the rod is collapsible back under the reel housing body and handle when the lock means is released.

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15. (Currently amended) The fishing rod holder according to claim 12, wherein the rod holder is comprised of two sections pivotally secured to each other at a pivot and locked by locking means in operative elongated position but ~~not~~ rotatable about the pivot so that the rod is collapsible back under the reel housing body and handle when the lock means is released.

16. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 14, wherein the locking means comprises a spring loaded shot pin on one section which releasably engages within an aperture in a shot pin hood on the other section.

17. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 6, wherein the reel housing body is provided with a thumb actuated line release button operatively connected to the reel for releasing the fishing line during casting.

18. (Currently amended) The fishing rod holder according to claim 1, wherein said means at the front end of the hollow body to mate with and releaseably detachably secure corresponding means at one end of the rod is a lock cap and sleeve arrangement which is adapted to receive a split, tapered sleeve that is secured to the one end of the rod ~~various types of fishing rod~~.

19. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 5, wherein said elongated hollow body is provided with a line guide having a first aperture for guiding the fishing line inside the rod.

20. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 19 further comprising a second semi-circular aperture for guiding the fishing line to leave the rod holder and be directed to an external surface of the rod.

21. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 1, wherein said rod is a telescoping rod and is adapted to be retractable inside itself.

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22. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 4, wherein the rod comprises a hollow rod portion releasably securable to the holder and a conventional solid rod portion, the portions secured to each other by a ferrule having an aperture to lead a fishing line from the inside of the hollow rod section to the outside of the solid rod section.

23. (Original) The fishing rod holder according to claim 1 further comprising means on the reel housing body for releasable attachment to releasable securing means of the handle.

24. (Original) The modular fishing rod holder according to claim 23 in combination with the handle.

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